

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, and add new claims 6-14 as follows:

6. (New) A material for producing membrane roofing sheets, comprising:
a textile backing (T);
a top layer (4) comprising at least one thermoplastic polyolefin resin, covering one side of the textile backing (T) and intimately bonded thereto;
a thin metal foil located on a side of the textile backing (T) opposite the top layer (4); and
a bitumen layer attached to the thin metal foil;
wherein at least part of a thickness of the textile backing (T) is embedded within the top layer (4).
7. (New) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bitumen layer is attached to the thin metal foil on a side opposite the textile backing (T).
8. (New) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) comprises an ethylene polymer or copolymer.
9. (New) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thin metal foil comprises aluminum.
10. (New) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) is combined with the textile backing (T) by calendering.
11. (New) The material as claimed claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) extends over the entire width of the textile backing (T), and a textile tape (5), comprising a nonwoven, is bonded to the top layer (4) along one edge thereof.